

## Introduced by Senator Alarcon

February 16, 2005

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An act to amend Section 4927 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to acupuncture.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 356, as introduced, Alarcon. Acupuncture.

Existing law, the Acupuncture Licensure Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of acupuncturists by the Acupuncture Board. Existing law authorizes the holder of an acupuncturist's license to engage in the practice of acupuncture and various other forms of treatment, including oriental massage. Existing law specifies that the act does not prohibit a person who is not a licensed acupuncturist or licensed healing arts practitioner from performing oriental massage.

This bill would define oriental massage for purposes of the Acupuncture Licensure Act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4927 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 4927. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
- 4 requires:
- 5 (a) "Board" means the Acupuncture-~~Board~~ Board.
- 6 (b) "Person" means any individual, organization, or corporate
- 7 body, except that only individuals may be licensed under this
- 8 chapter.

1 (c) “Acupuncturist” means an individual to whom a license  
2 has been issued to practice acupuncture pursuant to this chapter,  
3 which is in effect and is not suspended or revoked.

4 (d) “Acupuncture” means the stimulation of a certain point or  
5 points on or near the surface of the body by the insertion of  
6 needles to prevent or modify the perception of pain or to  
7 normalize physiological functions, including pain control, for the  
8 treatment of certain diseases or dysfunctions of the body and  
9 includes the techniques of electroacupuncture, cupping, and  
10 moxibustion.

11 (e) *“Chinese or oriental massage” (“Tui Na”) means the use*  
12 *of pressure techniques, through massage, manipulation, and*  
13 *mobilization of surface tissue and muscle for the therapeutic*  
14 *objective of stimulation for proper body function. “Chinese or*  
15 *oriental massage” also means “manual therapy” or “myofascial*  
16 *release” as used in western terms and treatment procedures.*